resolve the problems of viability of these units.

Review of Urban Land Ceiling (Regulation) Act

993. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current thinking of Government about the Urban Land Ceiling and Regulation Act in view of the experience gained since the passing of the Law;

(b) whether less privileged persons have been deprived of houses because of harsh provisions of the Act; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to tide over this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Government have recently requested all the State Governments/UTs to undertake a qualitative review of the implementation of the Act so far, pin-point the problems and difficulties which have been faced in the course of implementation, and formulate specific suggestions, including proposals for amendment to the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976, if found necessary with a view to achieving the principal objectives of the Act. On the basis of the suggestions received from the State Governments, a broad consensus on the solutions to the identified problems and difficulties in the implementation of the Act, would emerge to enable the Government of India to take further action.

(b) and (c) Nothing to this effect has come to the notice of the Government.

Coverage of Sharjah Cup

994. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overall coverage of Champions Cricket cup at Sharjah was slipshod;

(b) whether the coverage of the opening match between India-West Indies was beamed only to a few cities;

(c) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan's announcements on sometimes during every match "we are not able to bring you further live telecast because of the non-availability of satellite link" a planless action; and

(d) whether the Doordarshan ditch million of sports lovers in the country in not telecasting the last eight ball play especially when the match was so thrilling in the last moments?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. On Sunday, the 16-10-88, the opening match between India and West Indies was telecast on II Channel of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. The highlights were, however, telecast in the National Programme on the same day at 10.20 p.m. for the benefit of the viewers all over the counrty.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Due to prior commitments, the IOC, Washington did not confirm INTELSAT bookings beyond 7.00 p.m. The portion of the match beyond 7.00 p.m. on 22-10-1988, therefore, could not be telecast.

Extension to the wage board

995. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 284 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision to extend the period of wage Board for journalists; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) Does not arise.